# The Bloomfield Cimes.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

We tavite communications from all person who are interested in matters properly belonging to this de-variment.

To Destroy Caterpillars on Trees.

Having observed several methods of destroying the caterpillars that infest apple-trees in the spring,-such as rubbing them off, burning them with shavings, cotton and turpentine, &c., I am induced to give you the simple and perfectly effectual method practiced here: Take common soft-soap, and thin it with water so that it will not slip off the brush, and a person may stand upon the ground and apply it to the nests with a common painter's brush, inserted in a hole bored through one end of a long strip sawed from a pine or other light board, and all that it touches it will instantly kill. If applied while the nests are small, very few will escape the first application. After the worms are larger, it is equally efficacious, but much more difficult to apply thoroughly.

Any thin oil, or oil mixed with spirits of turpentine, is equally destructive to the worm; but the soap is less injurious to the trees.

#### Don't Rob the Birds' Nests.

In the course of a recent lecture in Paris regarding the uses of birds, an estimate was formed of the damage to crops by the robbery of a nest containing five eggs. During the first month each young bird eats on an average of about fifty-eight flies or other insects in a day. The aggregate, multiplied by thirty, for the month makes 6,500 insects to every nest. Every insect eats daily from blossoms and leaves an amount equaling its weight until it reaches maturity. It was calculated that in thirty days each insect would damage thirty blossoms, and thereby destroy thirty fruits, and that 7,500 insects would kill 225,000 fruits. It will be well, therefore, for farmers' sons to reflect upon the damage done to their parents by the wanton robbery of a single nest.

#### Testing Flour.

In selecting flour first look to the color. If it is white with a yellowish straw colored tint, buy it. If it is white with a bluish cast, or with white specks, in it, refuse it. Second, examine its adhesiveness-wet and knead a little of it between your fingers; if it works soft and sticky, it is poor. Third, throw a little lump of dried flour against a smooth surface; if it falls like powder it is bad. Fourth, squeeze the flour tightly in your hand; if it retains the shape given by the pressure, that, too, is a good sign. It is safe to buy flour that will stand all these tests. These modes are given by all our flour dealers, and they pertain to a matter that concerns everybody-the staff

#### The Care of Celts.

If a colt is never allowed to get an advantage, it will never know that it possesses a power beyond its master's control; if made familiar with strange objects, noises, flags, it will not be nervous or skittish. If a horse is accustomed from his early youth to having objects hit him on the heels, back and hips, he will not attempt to run away when a harness gives out or a wagon runs against him. If all the colts in this country could be managed for the first few years of their lives by good, careful, competent managers, we would have a race of well-broken horses.

#### Sour Feed.

The souring of foods seems to add to its value for certain purposes: thus experiments have convinced many in the belief that pigs thrive better on soured food than any other, but is yet a mooted question regarding the use of such food for other kinds of stock. The souring of food is owing to a change called the lactic-acid fermentation, by which this acid (the acid of milk) is produced from some of the carbonaceous principles of the food. The same acid occurs in the gastric juice of the stomach.

## Preserving Dried Fruits from Worms.

In the spring, before the worms have made their appearance (or even after you can detect a few), wash your fruits in a liberal quantity of warm water, as if you were preparing them for cooking. Shake the water from them, and dry, either in the house or out, as may be convenient. They will dry in a few hours. And this time you will be too early for the insects, and therefore secure the eating of your own delicious fruits.

A dark house is always an unhealthy, an ill-aired house, and a dirty house. Want of light stops growth and promotes scrofula, rickets, etc., among the children. People lose their health in a dark house; and if they become ill they can not get well in it.

A SSIGNEE'S SALE

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned, assignee of James Irvin, wil offer for sale, by outery, on the premises, about 3 miles southwest of Ickesburg, in Saville township, Perry county, Pa., on

TUESDAY, THE 18th OF JUNE, 1877,

at 10 o'clock, A. M., the following described real estate, to wit:

NO. 1, A TRACT OF LAND,

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of which about thirty acres are cleared, having thereon erected a log DWELLING HOUSE and a Plank Dwelling House.

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